

Agenda

Biomonitoring Symposium

In September 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 1379 authored by Senator Perata, establishing the first state biomonitoring program in the nation. The new biomonitoring program will measure the toxic chemicals accumulating in the bodies of Californians, to establish trends in chemical exposures, identify highly exposed communities, address data gaps between chemical exposures and specific health outcomes, assess the effectiveness of current regulations, and help to set priorities for reform.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will perform measurements of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), including several persistent emerging chemicals of concern. DTSC will use information on levels of chemicals in humans (and wildlife) to identify problem chemicals, to understand where to focus and prioritize its cradle-to-cradle efforts, and to use as an important indicator of the success of its interventions.

In this Biomonitoring Symposium we will hear from our Keynote Speaker (Dr. Pete Myers) and a panel of speakers from California businesses and local government, describing the actions they have taken to remove toxic chemicals from products or services. We'll also hear views of the Chemical Industry and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Follow up Symposia on Biomonitoring will be cosponsored by DTSC and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Time	Title	Speakers
8:00-9:00	Check-In and Registration	
9:00-9:20	Introduction	Maureen Gorsen, Director, DTSC
9:20-10:10	Keynote Speaker— “Scientific Basis for Biomonitoring”	Pete Myers, Ph.D. (co-author “Our Stolen Future”)
10:10-10:20	Break	
10:20-10:30	Perspectives on Biomonitoring	OEHHA and DHS
10:30-10:40	SB 1379 Summary	Senator Perata’s Office
10:40-10:55	Local Government Initiatives: Procurement, Programs and Bans	Debbie Raphael, Program Manager Toxics Reduction/Green Building SF Department of the Environment
10:55-11:05	Break	
11:05-11:20	Electronics Industry Initiatives	David Thompson, Panasonic
11:20-11:35	Healthcare Initiatives: Health without Harm	Rachelle R. Wenger, MPA, Director Public Policy & Community Advocacy Catholic Healthcare West
11:35-11:50	California Manufacturers Initiatives: “Green” Industrial Cleaners	Adam Lowry, Method Inc.
11:50-12:05	Chemical Industry Views	Rick Becker, Ph.D. American Chemistry Council
12:05-12:20	NGO Views on Using Biomonitoring to Take Public Health Action	Davis Baltz Commonweal
12:20-12:30	Wrap-up	Maureen Gorsen, Director, DTSC